tion. It held seven cartridges, of .380

"It's a thoroughly modern weapon,

"A Jap!"
"Well, sir, it was his funny fice.

"You were here yesterday, I un-

"Yes."
"So it cannot be anything connected with last night's affair. What's

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Pelham's blue serge suit, had become a whitish grey in parts during those few seconds of roiling in the dust, so he halted before the party had gone many yards. The policeman grabbed his arm immediately.

"I suppose we will soon pass lump in the boreat or planed street," he explained, in the bored way which his captor well knew was typical of the young army man. "Lonly wish to knock some British soil off my clothes, and then fill my pipe. Doyou object?"

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"Pelham took off his coat, and brushed it with his hand. In doing so the automatic pistol he had taken from his unknown assailant made its so the automatic pistol he had taken from his unknown assailant made its for the ground you said something about breakin my neck. I'd like to knock some british goal of the sole preventions and the ground you said something about breaking my neck. I'd like to know know that could have been some prevention of the prevention of the ground you said something about his hat or constable, or less noticeable at night, he steeped out again.

"It might be a useful wrinkle on the read of the prevention of roiling in the dust, so he halted before the party and the prevention of the compatible of the social propers of the scotch. Now, I'll into connection with this propers of the Scotch. Now, I'll its ferroneously supposed to be the sole progrative of the Scotch. Now, I'll be remonable this trousers he miled. When he had all most ridiculous certainty all, or nection with the sole progrative of the Scotch. Now, I'll be remonable this trousers he smiled. When he had between the prevention of the progrative of the Scotch. Now, I'll be a useful within the next of the inspector. "You want to know what it is know that beauty if we get a policy and the prevention of the progration of the scotch. Now, I'll be the progrative of the Scotch. Now, I'll be the progrative of the Scotch. Now, I'll be the progrative of the Scotch. Now, I'll be

when I turned over on my back, if I had not seen you were a police man, I would have pulled your head some future occasion," he said to the and shoulders down, planted both "There's". "but I have done a hundred yards in ten seconds, and hold flying in a somersault. Never forget

The policeman cleared his throat his sitting room, discovered that they lith a slight cough, sure sign of inverse torm one elbow and both the police station?" Arthur Pelham's house?"

with a slight cough, sure sign of judicial reserve.

"Excuse me, sir, but p'raps we'd better leave things till you see the

spector."

a new suit, though. What is this worth?"

And he scrutinized the autocause I am Sir Arthur's cousin." matic pistol, concerning which he "My Gord!" groaned the lodge- had said not a word in the police sto-

Pelham laughed. "Why these re-caliber, peated appeals to Providence, friend?" "It's he mused. "Cost the best part of a tenner, I fancy. Well, let's call it

"T twigged the likeness straight of sir," was the unexpected reply.

"That's odd! That's remarkably odd! We Pelhams must be a persistion be had a bath and went to bed. Next morning with Mrs. Smith came the hall nearer to announce that a gen-'Is your name Pelham?" put in hall-porter to announce that a gen-

Yes, and another Arthur at that."
Well, this is a rum go, an' no misday, and said he would look in again

Pelham was amused by the fact that ham could make it convenient to see him at that hour.

tuation equally "rum."

"Is there any reason why you should not tell me—?" he began, but the policeman reiterated his counsel that the affair should be left to the "inspector," while the other man simply gave vent to a series of deepdrawn sighs.

The inspector proved to be a quite that hour.

For the moment the use of his military title did not puzzle Pelham—it was too familiar in his ears—but the visitor's name was unknown.

"What sort of a chap was he—army man?" he inquired.

"No, sir, more like a swell jockey or an actor. Neat little man, small hands an' small feet, very spry. At The inspector proved to be a quite hands an' small feet, very spry. At

intelligent person. He eyed the suspect with a "tell-the-truth-or-you'll-get-six-months" expression at first: "Well, sir, it was his get-six-months" expression at first; but the constable's story was candid.

"Then you make no charge?" was his superior's opening comment. A man in plain clothes eated at the other end of the room, took no part in the proceedings, being absorbed in an evening newspaper.

"No, sir, except that he seemed sort of interested in the premises I up—don't send him up."

"Well, sir, it was his funny fice, all screwed up an' wrinkled, an' his black eyes—like gimlets, they was. Gemme quite a turn until 'e smiled."
Pelham recalled his own phrase to the Isleworth inspector, and took thought before he answered.

"Right-o," he said. "I'll be around. When Mr. Prideaux arrives bring him up—don't send him up."

No. sir. except that he seemed sort of interested in the premises I was watchin."

"Couldn't you hold both men?"

"No, sir. Mr. Pelham knew some dodge which put me off my balance for a bit. But I must admit he couldn't guess who was at 'tim."

"Mr. Pelham' I must admit he the bell rang. He unlatched the door, and the hall-porter presented "Mr. uldn't guess who was at 'tim."

"Mr. Pelham! Is that your name?"

Prideax." of whom he had given a And the inspector looked his aston-ishment.

"Yes. Here is my passport. I arrived in England yesterday from India. You will find that it was stamped at Dover last evening."
"Captain Arthur Pelham, late 10th Battalion East Kent Regiment, now attached Indian Army." he read, after a swift glance at the usual caricature of a photograph which adorned the of a photograph which adorned the marine.

"Where do you live in London, sir?" derstand?" he said, when the two where do you live in London, sir?"
he said, with a pause of dublety more eloquent than speech.
"No. 11. Innesmore Mansions, Tottenham Court Road."
"So it cared with lar

"And may I ask why you want to Sir Arthur Pelham's house? Did you mean to call there?"
"No. My cousin and I are not on Then a light broke on Pelham."

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"Great Scott" he cried. "It can't be about those infernal advertise-

chief motive." And Pelham went on to detail his movements during the afternoon. He could even produce a voucher for admission to Ranelagh.

Each minute the inspector was becoming more reassured by the young officer's manner. What he dreaded secretly now was a fuss with the commissioner on account of the policeman's undue zeal.

De about those infernal advertisements!"

"But it is."

"Well, well. This calls for a smoke. Take a pew. Will you have a cigar or a cigaret? I prefer a pipe."

"If you must bemuse your brains and poison a young and vigorous frame, stick to a pipe, especially a briar, which is not a briar, but a

liceman's undue zeal.

"I'm sorry you should have had all this annoyance, sir," he said. "But you see how it is. Cedar Lodge was the scene of an unsuccessful but."

The disintegrating process will take longer, at any rate." the scene of an unsuccessful bur-glary last night, and Sir Arthur has reason to fear another attempt. you can help the police materially if you are able to supply a workable description of the man who attacked

'Oh, I had a good look at him for ten seconds or thereabouts," agreed Pelham. "He's a German, though not Pelham. He's a German, though not a typical one, being slight and sinewy, with black eyes and bushy black hair, and a sallow, oval face. I should imagine he halls from what used to he German Poland, round about Ka-lish or Posen. I guess his age at 35, He wears a small moustache—has rather the air of a foreign musician. His eyebrows are thick and arched—his lips thin—his teeth even, but discolored by cigaret smoking. His height is somewhat more than my own, say 5 feet 11 inches, and he will weigh 11 stone. He was dressed in—" "Hold on a minute, sir," protested e other, "You've taken his measure the other. "You've taken his measure all right, but my shorthand is a bit

Now I'll just get all that down The inspector's memory, however, was good, and his written statement contained everything Pelham had said, though he had to ask how to spell Kalish. Then the recital continued:

"His jacket suit is dark, probably a deep grey. His shirt is a yellowish cotton, with a soft collar of the same material, and a black tie, of thin ma-

terial, as the knot is very small. A

gold bar pin holds the ends of the tie in position. On his left wrist is a silver watch set in a leather cover. "Not through nice "Not through nicotine." By the way, his wrists are remark-ably hairy, and his neck rather scrag-"Do you mindably hairy, and his neck rather scrag-gy as compared with his face, which is well molded. His nose is small and the incense of potent Havanas."

is well molded. His nose is small and straight, and his chin rounded—a handsome sort of chap, I should say, when he smiles. But he didn't smile at me, so I'm only guessing."

"By jing, I wish most folk who come here to report crimes could guess half as well, sir. Now, two more questions, and I'm done. Have you ever seen this man before?"

"Never."

"So you have no idea why he should assault you, or try to, as I gather you did the assautting?"

"It seems he must have mistaken me for my cousin, whom I resemble."

"That you do, sir, an' no bloomin' in the incense of potent Havanas."

Pelham filled his pipe leisurely. He was inclined to like Mr. C. F. Prideaux, though it came hard to associate him with the august C. I. D. He was such a frail little man, and so perfectly dressed. His clothes, hat, linen, tie, socks, shoes, were but parts of a harmonious whole. His face, too, was that of a comedian. One could imagine him a member of the Comedie Francaise, and playing Scapin or Tartuffe. But, adetective! Never. Pelham, therefore, gave a miss in balk.

"I haven't been in England much longer than thirty-six hours," he

me for my cousin, whom I resemble."

"That you do, sir, an' no bloomin' longer than thirty-six hours," he mistake, 'specially afore 'e was hit," blurted out the lodge-keeper.

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'Everything." knees in your stomach, and sent you

"There's not much to tell. The yarn is perfectly silly." regimental record for the quarter that the muscles of the calf are seven times stronger than those of the "Yarns generally are silly unless the narrator is an accomplished liar." 'Yarns generally are silly unless "Oh, that's all right, sir. I'm sorry I collared you again. I know a gentleman when I see one. It was just right, too. You've skinned both my a piece of bad luck that you hap a piece of bad luck that you hap."

"Well, you've left me no chance. The only thing you've missed is the strange story of one Jenkins, railway porter at Victoria station. Oh, and one other thing." Pelham rose, went pened to be the top dog when I turned up."

Pelham took the point instantly.

"Don't you go and say that to any fool of an inspector," he advised. "You and could not possibly distinguish between one man and the other. You were watching from the lodge, I take it?"

shins."

"Sorry. I couldn't tell. May I—

"No, sir. Much obliged. But, what should I have done?"

"Jammed one knee between my legs and tackled me sideways. Then, if I flattened out, push my face into the ground. It's all a matter of lever age."

Prideaux took the pistol and the pistol and tackled are into the ground. It's all a matter of lever age." tied the magazine. Then he snapped

were watching from the lodge, I take it?"

"Y—yes."

"Where did the blighter come from who attacked me?"

"He must have dodged up behind the trees. I was lookin' at you crossin' the road."

"Were you told off to guard Sir Arthur Pelham's house?"

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"Belham went out. The inspector nodded to the plain clothes man, who put on a trench mackintosh and cap, and followed swiftly. So, in due course, one taxi stopped at Innesmore Mansions, and another, which had also come all the way from Mortlake, passed the end of the street.

Pelham went out. The inspector ited the magazine. Then he snapped the trigger.

"Less than four pounds, I should imagine," he said. "Is this Exhibit A?"

"Yes, I took it from the gentleman whom I put on the mat in Barnes. It struck me he was going to use it. So I struck him first."

"You said nothing about it at the "No. Why should 1?" "Because you are liable to a heavy

fine for carrying a loaded firearm without a permit, and you couldn't have obtained one in the time." "But, look here, old top, I wasn't carrying it. It was the other scoun-

"Hum! They ought to have known at Mortlake."
"I shall quarrel with you if you pitch into the inspector and his mer-ry men. They were quite decent. Even the sly fellow who followed me nome in a taxi didn't actually come

o the door.' Prideaux smiled. He, of course, had taken Pelham's measure at a glance, but he was hardly prepared for such powers of observation as the concluding remark revealed.

for you. But what about Jenkins? I like the sound of his name." He listened with obvious relish to he railway-porter's reminiscences of the railway-porter the battle of Loos. "That's splendid." he cried, leaning forward, with a hand on each knee

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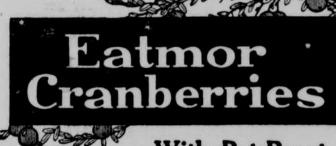
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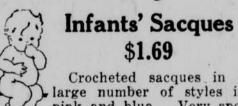
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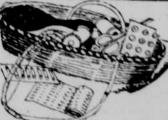
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